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25X1 5. [] Briefed Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, on two major failures in the Soviet space program and the promising initial performance of a sensitive Agency project. 25X1C

I provided Woodruff with a breakdown of the figures for operations

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In discussing Chairman Ellender's plans for the community Defense budget, Woodruff commented that the testimony of Admiral Gayler in defense of NSA has not gone over at all well. He said Chairman Ellender remained determined to make substantial cuts in the budgets

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I explained to Woodruff the line we had taken reviewing for publication the transcripts [] emphasizing 25X1C that we had steadfastly opposed any reference to Agency involvement with

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Woodruff feels there is an even or better chance that some form of the Symington amendment limiting U. S. expenditures in Laos to [] 25X1 [] for FY 72 would pass the Senate.

25X1 6. [] Briefed Ralph Preston, of the House Appropriations Committee staff, on two recent Soviet space failures and promising initial performance of a sensitive Agency project.

In response to my question, Preston said he thought the House would welcome, and follow along with, major cuts in the community Defense budget advocated by Senator Ellender.

25X1 7. [] Met with Senator Peter Dominick (R., Colo.) of the Agency's Armed Services Subcommittee, and briefed him on two recent Soviet space failures and status of Soviet ICBM silos.

25X1 8. [] Briefed Russ Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, on two recent Soviet space failures and promising initial performance of a sensitive Agency project.

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25X1 1. [] Talked to Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, regarding legislation for the future of our Radios--he sees no problem in getting House approval of the Senate bill for handling them under a continuing resolution until 6 August.

25X1 2. [] Discussed the Radios problem with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, who says he thinks the bill for taking care of the Radios under a continuing resolution will survive in the Senate, but he is not at all sure of the long-term future of the Radios. He feels they cannot survive indefinitely in an "open environment" in the face of present congressional economy drives.

25X1 3. [] Discussed with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, problems created by the Symington amendment 25X1A and pointed out that programs in which the Agency is involved, both in its own

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Braswell asked me to provide him with a breakdown of our figures on both our own programs and the programs we are helping to handle with DOD.

25X1 4. [] Pat Holt, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, called to request a briefing [] and I asked [] to arrange 25X6
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25X1 5. [] Discussed with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, problems regarding the sanitization for publication of the transcript of the secret Senate session [] Woodruff continues 25X1C to argue emphatically that we should try to hold the line on all sensitive

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every way possible, but I couldn't guarantee the results. Woodruff said that if we gave any ground on this we would be letting down our Subcommittee members in the Senate, who would find themselves in an extremely embarrassing position with their colleagues if it became known that they had been privy to these arrangements from the outset.

He said he wouldn't so much just blame this on the Agency, but now that Russell was gone people like Young, Ellender, Stennis, and Mahon would be "crucified" if their complicity in these sensitive arrangements were publicized.

Referring to the Symington amendment, Woodruff said he thought this had a good chance of passing and he would advise Ellender and Young not to 25X1C "get out on a limb" in fighting this one. I explained to Woodruff the amount

25X1 6. [] Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, said Senator Stennis was much interested in references in the current press revelations about our Vietnam involvement to a certain National Intelligence Estimate of several years ago. Braswell said that, according to the press, this Estimate had minimized the strategic effectiveness of bombings of North Vietnam and had tended to discount the domino theory--views which Senator Stennis himself had also shared. I told Braswell I would look into the matter and let him know what the Estimate had said. Braswell indicated the Chairman would no doubt like to see the Estimate himself, to which I made no response.

Braswell asked if the Director's congressional briefings during the period in question had expressed skepticism regarding the effectiveness of the bombings or the validity of the domino theory. I said I would have to check the record in order to answer.

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25X1 11. [] Met with Miss Jane McMullan, Senate
25X1A Appropriations Committee staff, and received from her copies of the
continuing appropriations resolution, H. J. Res. 742, as amended by the
Committee on Friday, 25 June, and a copy of the Senate Report 92-240.
The Senate amendments make specific provisions for RFE and RL funding
for the period 1 July through 6 August. Messrs. Houston, OGC, []
[] OPPB, have been advised. 25X1A

25X1 12. [] Met with Mr. Arthur Kuhl, Senate Foreign
Relations Committee staff, who told me that S. 1936, the Case bill to
establish a council for funding RFE and RL operations, was on the agenda for
discussion in the executive meeting of the full Committee last week but the
item was not reached. After checking with Mr. Robert Dockery, the staff
man handling S. 1936, Mr. Kuhl told me that the bill has not been included
as yet in the agenda for the next Executive Session. It is apparently Mr. Dockery's
feeling that with the passage of the continuing resolution by the Senate Appropria-
tions Committee on Friday with provisions for funding of the Radios that the 25X1A
matter has been resolved for the present in that the resolution will probably be
continued after 6 August indefinitely as needed. Messrs. []
25X1A OGC, and [] have been advised.

25X1 13. [] Talked to various members of the House Foreign
Affairs Committee staff concerning H. R. 9330, dated 22 June, a bill to provide
for the establishment of a council for funding RFE and RL operations. Although
the bill has been referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs for action, it
has not been assigned within the Committee. Conversation with Mr. Albert 25X1A
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25X1 3. [] Called William Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, who said he had received from OMB late last evening the language which it was agreed would be placed in the Continuing Resolution to appropriate funds to USIA for interim financing of the Radios. This had been worked out between Woodruff, Clark MacGregor (of the White House) and James Frey (of OMB). Woodruff pointed out that he had an absolute agreement with OMB that there would be no further CIA funding of the Radios. He also said that the duration of the Continuing Resolution is through 6 August 1971.

25X1 4. [] George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy staff, called and asked for information on the relative comparisons of various computers including the ICL-1906A. He said he would also like a statement as to the strategic use of the 1906A. He said this material would not be attributed to the Agency and Dr. Allen, OER, is preparing this. 25X1C

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State that they in effect give a "no comment" answer to any inquiries from the press and delay any response to a congressional inquiry until they could consult with the Agency. Presumably we would agree to brief any senator making an inquiry on this but it was to be made clear this decision would have to be made by the Director.

25X1 6. [] Hand carried Legislative Counsel's response to Representative Charles E. Bennett (D., Fla.) concerning retirement questions raised by [] Mr. Richard Sewell, Administrative Assistant to Representative Bennett, said that he would forward the response on to [] and noted that our letter was "pretty final" with regard to the question of eligibility of CIARDS. If further question is raised by [] Mr. Sewell will be back in touch with us. 25X1A 25X1A

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25X1 1. [] Received a call from Miss Nicholson, 25X1A
in the office of Senator John L. McClellan (D., Ark.) who requested a
personnel interview for a [] 25X1A
25X1A [] Office of Personnel, I advised Miss Nicholson that an
appointment had been made for this afternoon, 24 June 1971 at 2:00 p.m.

25X1 2. [] Talked to David Abshire, Assistant
Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, and drew his attention
to the Resolutions of Inquiry introduced by Representatives Paul McCloskey
and Bella Abzug raising questions of concern to the Agency. I said we
plan to take no action, since Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel,
House Armed Services Committee, had assured me Chairman Hebert would
"take care of" the Abzug resolution, and since the McCloskey resolutions
were addressed only to the Secretary of State. Abshire said that someone
in his office was handling the matter and he would get in touch with us if
necessary.

Mr. Abshire said that he had talked to Bill Woodruff, Counsel,
Senate Appropriations Committee, who advised strongly against the
Secretary of State appealing to Senator Ellender regarding the Radios.
Woodruff said he thought this would be counterproductive. He added that
the President had twice considered calling Senator Ellender directly but
had decided against doing so because he had no assurances that his call
would be successful. In view of this, Abshire said it appeared the only
solution was the "USIA solution" and he was still hopeful that the necessary
legislation to cover this could be passed in time. He said Clark MacGregor
and George Shultz were going to see Senator Ellender this afternoon to try
to clear the way for this solution.

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25X1A 3. [] By way of followup to prior conversations I left with David Martin, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee staff, the text of the Soviet attack on Representative Mendel Rivers.

Martin said he was preparing a new outline for his studies on Soviet propaganda and when it is available he will give a copy to us to see if we can be of possible assistance.

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25X1A 25X1C 4. [] Met briefly with William Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee. I told him I had passed on his views about the position we should take in conducting the security review of the transcript of

[] I made clear to him that we were not advocating the release of any of this information but were merely stressing our concern on those areas of the most serious sensitivity to us. I told him that the final decision on this would be made at the White House level and we would be delighted if it was decided that all references to CIA should be excluded. Woodruff seemed to accept this although it is clear that he advocates a hard-line position on this subject.

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25X1A 5. [] Talked with Al Westphal, Staff Consultant, House Foreign Affairs Committee, and told him we had no information on [] but that we would keep his interest in mind and be in touch with him if any information developed. This closes his inquiry to us. (See Journal of 18 June.)

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1. [] Delivered to Mr. George Krumbhaar, Joint Economic Committee staff, unclassified biographic information [] After review, Mr. Krumbhaar told me that the information is exactly what is needed by Senator Javits (R., N. Y.) for his guidance. STATSPEC

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25X1A 3. [] In response to a request from Mr. Joe Hobson, Assistant to Representative W. J. Bryan Dorn (D., S. Car.), 25X1A an appointment was made for a personnel interview with []

25X1A [] at 9:30 a.m., 24 June 1971. 25X1C

25X1A 4. [] Talked with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, about our participation in the security review of the transcript of the Senate secret session [] I said that while we would prefer to see all references to the Agency eliminated from the published record, we felt this would be an impossible position to take under the circumstances and were concentrating on those references in the discussion involving the more sensitive aspects of Agency activities in Indochina. Braswell (who was present during that Senate session) said he thought we were wise in taking this approach.

25X1A 5. [] Talked with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, about our participation in the security review of the transcript of the Senate secret session on [] He expressed some concern with our position, feeling that it left our Committee Chairmen in a vulnerable position. I told him I would see that his views on the subject were made known to our people. See Memorandum for the Record.

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